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SENATOR SWIGART: Mr. President, colleagues, I would rise to support Senator Murphy for the matter of putting this to registering the bill and getting it underway, for that purpose only. I don't quite agree with Senator Duis because, theoretically at least, hearings are supposed to be for a purpose. You're supposed to make up your mind pro or con after you've heard both sides. I don't think you are bound to follow clear through from the time you introduce a bill all the way through. Supposedly evidence would be brought forth to make you determine your choice, your direction. I think sometimes a bill does deserve being aired and being put out for discussion. That's the way I feel about this one. I certainly am not for socialized medicine and more than likely would vote against this. I do believe, in the face of what Senator Murphy has said, that there is a very likelihood that the Federal government will make certain mandates. We ought to be prepared for those mandates, in case they come. I'm for airing this matter and support Senator Murphy for the time being.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the body, I am concerned about this bill. My name does not appear on it. I would like to enlighten Senator Swigart that I think when a person puts his name on a bill he does so for a reason. I would like to further remind him that he will not see mine on there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, Rule 5, Section 4, if Senator Swigart will look at it, I think will inform him that any bill introduced in this Legislature shall be supported by its introducer. I could think of a number of bills that I would like to introduce and have aired on the floor of this Legislature that I would have no intention of passing whatsoever. But that's not the object of this place. When you introduce a bill in this Legislature you're supposed to have some thought that you're going to pass it. If not, it is a defeated bill. I don't have any objection at all to the study of this. I sincerely hope that we would. With a study resolution, that study resolution could combine the Public Health Committee and the Banking Committee; or could make up a special committee if it so desired. They could, identically, the same thing we're doing with the bill. What we'll do with bill, if I may remind you of this, at the close of this legislative session any bill remaining on that board up there will be carried over until the next legislative session to be acted upon. I don't think that's the proper place for a bill that you didn't intend to have passed in the first place.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Briefly, there was one other thing that I wanted to mention. With reference to Senator Duis' remarks, especially with reference to his remarks supporting a bill introduced. I think that goes to . . . there is a good deal of leeway there that you don't have to support every item of every bill that's introduced. You might support legislation in that area. I don't think that anybody, in this particular circumstance, by introducing this bill would be bound